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In re application of: Hansen et al.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the pending Office Action, please enter and consider the following amendments. In addition, Applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time of three (3) month in responding to the Office Action dated June 6, 2002, on the above-identified application. The extension extends the time to respond from September 6, 2002, to December 6, 2002, and this petition, together with this Amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow the Amendment to be submitted six (6) months after the date of the Office Action.